

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1521 without my signature.

This bill requires water bottlers to submit an annual consumer confidence report to the California Department of Public Health and requires vended water retailers to identify their water source to consumers.

While I support consumer access to information, state and federal water quality and safety regulations appropriately require rigorous testing of bottled water sold in California. I am concerned that this bill establishes labeling requirements on bottled water that are inconsistent with how this product is regulated. Further, this bill would result in hundreds of thousands of dollars in new costs for the Department of Public Health at a time of continuing budget challenges.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger